

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. The amendment is found on page 2290 of the Journal. It is LB 558 as was introduced by Senator Horgan on my behalf because I was not able to attend the hearing before the Transportation Committee. It deals with the issue of allowing registration of motor vehicles, renewal of registration of motor vehicles to be done by telephone. The bill was brought to me by Lou Pantano, who is the County Treasurer in Douglas County, is a rather simple bill in that it is probably about five paragraphs at most in terms of the new language that it would insert, but it does this. It allows for an individual who wants to renew their motor vehicle registration to use a special telephone registration system that the county would be required to...not required, would have the option of putting in. In this case, Douglas County, specifically Mr. Pantano, would like to try this type of an operation for purposes of renewing motor vehicle registrations. We have had...I had the opportunity to renew my automobile registration I think it was back in December, prior to coming down here, and had the opportunity to stand in line for 50 minutes, which was really rather quick turnaround time in the Omaha area for purposes of going through the process of just simply renewing the plates and the registration as required every year. This program, if put in place, if adopted through this amendment, would allow for that registration to take place over the phone. It would also allow for the county to contract with a vendor to implement this telephone system. I believe that Mr. Pantano has had conversations with folks who currently do this and that was the genesis for this type of information. The one thing that was raised I believe in the committee, although there was no opposition to the bill for purposes of its introduction, the question was raised as to how the financial responsibility, the insurability issue would be addressed. There would have to be, from looking at how our current system operates requiring individuals to have proof of insurance, there would have to be a proactive telephone call on the part of the county to the insurance companies to verify that these individuals were, in fact, covered. Right now, as you know, when you go in, you have to take in your old registration. You